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SUBJ: MINISTER OF TRADE CAIRNS TALKS WITH THIRD COUNTRY
REPRESENTATIVES IN PEKING

1. AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS IN PAST FEW DAYS HAVE REPORTED CONTACTS BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN TRADE MINISTER CAIRNS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH KOREA AND PRG IN PEKING. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CAIRNS SAW NORTH KOREAN REP AT SUGGESTION OF CHINESE TRADE MINISTER AND CAIRNS VOLUNTEERED HOPE " THAT NORTH KOREA COULD GAIN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRALIA". CAIRNS ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID HE FOUND IT " UNACCEPTABLE" FOR DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CANBERRA TO OPPOSE TRADE MISSION FROM NORTH KOREA VISITING AUSTRALIA IF IT WERE HEADED BY A MINISTER OF NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

2. IN CONTACT WITH PRG REPRESENTATIVES, CAIRNS SAID TO HAVE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR PRG' S " OVERALL POSITION".

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH SIR KEITH WALLER MAY 21, DCM WAS INFORMED THAT CAIRNS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY DFA NOT TO SEE SIHANOUK DURING
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PEKING VISIT. CAIRNS HAD RESPONDED BY MAKING AN APPOINTMENT AND MEETING WITH SIHANOUK DEPUTY INSTEAD. SIR KEITH WALLER EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS AT THIS INDICATION OF CAIRNS' INDEPENDENCE AND INDICATED GOA FELT EMBARRASSED THAT CARNES HAD SEEN NORTH KOREANS AS WELL IN LIGH

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